



ARTHRITIS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM 2017 RECIPIENTS

Fellowships

AFA-ARA Heald Fellowship - \$50,000 (*jointly funded by Australian Rheumatology Association and Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation*)

Dr Feng Pan

Menzies Institute for Medical Research, University of Tasmania

Project: *Krill oil effects on osteoarthritis of the knee: A randomised control trial*

The Arthritis Queensland Fellowship - \$50,000 (*funded by Arthritis Queensland*)

Dr Indira Prasadam

Injury Prevention and Trauma Management Theme, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology

Project: *Osteoarthritis*

The ARA Victorian Fellowship - \$50,000 (*funded by Australian Rheumatology Association Victoria*)

Dr Shereen Oon

Departments of Rheumatology and Medicine, The University of Melbourne at St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

Project: *Factors influencing treatment decisions in SLE: development of a patient-physician centred treat-to-target algorithm*

Bruce Miller - Australian Rheumatology Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship - \$125,000

(*jointly funded by BB & A Miller Foundation and Australian Rheumatology Association*)

Dr Meghna Talekar

Diamantina Institute, The University of Queensland

Project: *Evaluating oral therapeutic strategies for Tolerizing Dendritic cells in rheumatoid arthritis*

The Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship - \$36,000 (*jointly funded by an educational research grant by*

Australian Rheumatology Association and Roche Products Pty Limited)

Dr Joanna Tieu

Vasculitis and Lupus service, Addenbrooke's Hospital, University of Cambridge

Project: *Optimising therapy in ANCA associated vasculitis*

The Ken Muirden Overseas Training Fellowship - \$39,000 (*jointly funded by an educational research grant by*

Australian Rheumatology Association and Roche Products Pty Limited)

Dr Lauren Host Centre of Rheumatology and Connective Tissue Diseases, Royal Free Hospital and University College Medical School, London, England

Project: *The clinical and biological significance of altered IL-7 expression in systemic sclerosis*

Leanne Stafford Award - \$50,000 (*funded by Australian Rheumatology Association*)

Dr Matthew Parker

Department of Rheumatology, Salford Royal NHS, the Centre for Musculoskeletal Research and the University of Manchester

Project: *A natural history study of patients with statin-associated necrotizing autoimmune myositis and modelling of the MHC-II/HMGCR epitope*

Scholarships

The Allan and Beryl Stephens Grant- \$30,000 (*funded by The Estate of the late Beryl Stephens*)

Dr Ayano Kelly

Medical School, The Australian National University

Project: *Understanding and improving adherence to disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs in rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis*

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Translational Grant - \$30,000

(*funded by Arthritis South Australia*)

Dr Anthony Sammel

Rheumatology, Royal North Shore Hospital

Project: *Improving the diagnosis and prognostication of giant cell arteritis (GCA) through the use of positron emission tomography (PET), immune and microbiological biomarkers*

Project Grants

ARA Project Grant - \$30,000 (*funded by Australian Rheumatology Association*)

Prof Catherine Hill

Rheumatology, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Project: *A randomized clinical trial of colchicine in inflammatory hand osteoarthritis*

ARA Project Grant - \$15,000 (*funded by Australian Rheumatology Association*)

Prof Johannes Nossent

School of Medicine & Pharmacology, The University of Western Australia

Project: *Investigating SLE in Western Australia*

ARA Project Grant - \$30,000 (*funded by Australian Rheumatology Association*)

Prof Ian Wicks

Inflammation Division, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

Project: *Exploring GM-CSF as a regulator and therapeutic target in vasculitis*

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - \$30,000 (*funded by Arthritis South Australia*)

Dr Tania Crotti

Adelaide Medical School, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Adelaide

Project: *Pain, bone and joint modification in a murine model of inflammatory arthritis*

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Translational Grant - \$30,000

(funded by Arthritis South Australia)

Dr Helen Keen

School of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Western Australia

Project: *RCT of anti-inflammatory therapy in gout*

Arthritis Australia and State & Territory Affiliate Grant - \$30,000

(jointly funded by Arthritis Western Australia and Arthritis Tasmania)

Assoc Prof Jane Munro

Cell Biology Theme, Murdoch Children's Research Institute

Project: *Understanding the JIA experience from the patient perspective: Reconsidering the juvenile idiopathic arthritis core set -How patients and caregivers define disease activity.*

Eventide Homes & Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant - \$25,000

(jointly funded by Eventide Homes NSW and Arthritis Australia)

Assoc Prof Pazit Levinger

Institute of Sport, Exercise & Active Living (ISEAL), Victoria University

Project: *High speed resistance training and balance training for people with knee osteoarthritis: A pilot randomised controlled trial*

H J & G J McKenzie Grant - \$25,000 *(funded by The Estate of the late Heather Joy McKenzie)*

Prof Jiake Xu

School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, The University of Western Australia

Project: *Molecular Mechanisms and therapeutic effects of Carnosol on collagen-induced arthritis and osteolysis*

Marion A Simpson Grant - \$25,000 *(funded by The Estate of the Late Marion Alice Simpson)*

Prof Matthew Brown

Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology

Project: *Novel mediators of inflammation in ankylosing spondylitis*

Zimmer Biomet Australia Grant - \$30,000 *(funded by Zimmer Biomet Australia)*

Assoc Prof Rod Green

Department of Pharmacy & Applied Science, La Trobe University

Project: *The efficacy and feasibility of a targeted gluteal exercise program for improving hip function and increasing activity levels in people with hip osteoarthritis*

Grant-in-aid

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant- \$15,000 *(funded by Arthritis Tasmania)*

Dr Joanne Kemp

La Trobe Sport & Exercise Medicine Research Centre, School of Allied Health, La Trobe University

Project: *Reducing the impact of hip pain and disability (physioFIRST study): A randomised, controlled trial*

Arthritis Australia and State/Territory Affiliate Grant- \$15,000 *(jointly funded by Arthritis Australia and Arthritis South Australia)*

Dr Penny Rudd

Institute for Glycomics, Griffith University

Project: *Investigating the use of Apremilast (Otezela®) for the treatment of alphaviral induced arthritis*

Ride for Arthritis Grant in aid - \$15,000 *(funded by Chris Barrie and team)*

Dr Helen Benham

School of Medicine, The University of Queensland

Project: *Patient-centred Treat-to-Target in rheumatoid arthritis*

Ride for Arthritis Grant in aid - \$15,000 *(funded by Chris Barrie and team)*

Dr Chloe Parton

School of Medicine, The University of Queensland

Project: *Motherhood and living with rheumatoid arthritis*

Zimmer Biomet Australia Grant - \$10,000 *(funded by Zimmer Biomet Australia)*

Mr Aron Downie

Musculoskeletal Health Sydney, Sydney School of Public Health, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney

Project: *Recovery from low back pain*

Zimmer Biomet Australia Grant - \$10,000 *(funded by Zimmer Biomet Australia)*

Ms Rita Kinsella

Physiotherapy Department, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

Project: *Isometric exercises for rehabilitation of rotator cuff tendinopathy/subacromial pain syndrome*